

WHEAT FIELDS TOOK HIS EYE

OUTSIDERS AMAZED AT DEVELOPMENT IN SHERMAN CO.

Wheat Crops Will Bring More Money Than Land on Which It is Grown.

From Kansas City Star.
Goodland, Kan., July 13.—"I didn't see anything but prairie dogs here the last time I was over this route," a passenger on a Colorado train going west from Colby to Goodland said to a reporter for the Star yesterday. The wheat fields in Sherman county were looking at that time as if they were just beginning to work. This is Sherman county, the last county in Kansas before the Colorado line is reached.

This year Sherman county has fine wheat, good rye and heavy barley. The prospect for a corn crop this year seems good, but corn is short, an evidence of the effect of the high altitude on what is, after all, the most important crop Kansas grows. Thomas county has been developing as a part of the wheat country for several years now, and is claiming distinction as one of the big wheat counties. Its nearest neighbor, Sherman, has never raised much grain until this year. Now, some of its wheat fields are little short of wonderful. The yield on farms around Brewster will exceed twenty bushels to the acre in places and may go to thirty on a few farms.

The people at Colby say Sherman county is three years behind Thomas, its nearest neighbor. That is not exactly accurate, though in some respects it is true. The wheat acreage is smaller, the yield is less certain, other crops have been less thoroughly tested and prices of land are lower. But Sherman county has a greater altitude than its eastern neighbor. The difficulties to be conquered are greater, or, it may be more true to say, fewer of them have been conquered. In the more western county, the effect of the altitude and the temperature it brings with it is apparent in the size of the straw of the wheat and the height of the crop.

Still a Chance for the Pioneer.
If a man wishes to try pioneer life in Kansas he should go to Sherman county. He is fairly free from hot winds, but every twenty-five miles further east he travels from Sherman county to Clay county his certainty of getting crops next year is greater. So the price he must pay for land grows greater as he comes into the safer counties east.

At Goodland they tell you that land prices are going up fast. Farms that could be bought for \$200 a year ago sell for \$500 now. In this country land is counted by "quarters," or quarter sections of 160 acres each. Ask the farmer or ranch man how many acres he has and he will say four quarters, ten quarters, as the case may be, and leave the questioner to figure the number of acres himself. For example, J. B. Dwyer owns a ranch on the Smoky Hill river, a mere creek in this country. Dwyer owns fifty-quarters, or has that many in his ranch. He belongs to the element that does not want this country to become a farming community. In northwestern Kansas the settler who grows wheat and barley has pushed the big ranch owner further and further west and seems now to be ready to drive him over the state line and into Colorado. The settler has won in all the counties along the Rock Island and Colorado division except the last one, and the struggle is on here with the settler making good progress.

The wheat crop here this year is heavy on wheat, the grade is as fine as the grade of any wheat ever sent from Kansas to any market. The fields are clear of weeds and the cutting, now in progress, has shown such splendid results that the farmers in sod houses from the Smoky Hill river on the south to the Big Sappa on the north, are planning to plant wheat in sod houses and frame barns. It is one of the old sights of this country to see lumber yards with stacks big enough to supply good eastern Kansas towns in what was, until now, the poorest district of Kansas. Brewster is a case in point. It is on the line between Sherman and Thomas counties. Part of its people still live in sod houses in the town. Probably the same farmers who trade in Brewster live in sod houses. Yet a train load of new lumber has been unloaded in its lumber yard and much of the lumber has been contracted for to be paid for and hauled away when the wheat has been marketed. Scores of farmers have promised their wives that when this year's wheat and barley have been marketed they will build frame houses to take the place of the sod houses. Many a woman has lived in these sod houses year after year looking forward to the day when she can have a good frame house like the home of her childhood somewhere further east. To these people the great wheat crop of this year has come as a blessing more keenly appreciated than a good crop could ever be in a country longer cultivated and in a more favored climate.

A Year for Sod Breaking.
The last four or five years have been good years in Sherman county, but this year has been the best. Thousands of acres of prairie sod have been plowed for the first time "broken out" this year and the acreage sown next year will be the largest in the county's history.
Ten years ago the total wheat crop of Sherman county was 4,500 bushels. This year one need not get off the train to see a half dozen farms, any one of which will yield as much. The farmers in this county say they see the unmistakable signs of climatic changes going on. The nights are not so cold, moisture is more regular and the weather conditions more uniform. Trees grow on the upland now and the farmers believe that when the trees are grown they too will help to modify weather conditions. The cow and the hen are playing their important part here as they have all over Kansas. At Goodland, the county seat, the Rock Island has a division headquarters and the town has grown to a population of 1,800. Half of the men who live in the town are railroad employees. A country boy milked at Goodland and it is not unusual for one day's purchases to amount to 150 cents, holding ten gallons each.

They Use the Campbell System.
In this country the farmer is more of a scientist. Those who have not intelligently studied the country have gone east or gone into cattle raising. The further west one goes to farm the more he needs to study a soil, the more he needs to enter the field of science. Here the subject of conserving the moisture requires intelligent study. What is known as the Campbell system of using a dust mulch is in most common use. Wheat is harrowed after sowing and worked over with a roller or sub-surface packer, as it is called here. This soil produces the best results when the sub-surface packer is used, and a covering of half an inch of dust over it prevents the absorption of moisture by the air. The finer the dust the better and a farmer needs to know conditions and learn the way to deal with them, he expects to reap a good profit from his farm. What is true of this county in that respect is true of a dozen others in the neighborhood. Experience has proved that one of the best ways of working the soil is to run a lister through the field making trenches just as the eastern Kansas farmer does to prepare his ground for corn or sorghum. Sowing the seed in the furrows and then covering the seed with a good harrow will make the surface level and leave a top surface of dust. On this the wheat is sowed with drills and subsequent plowing improves the ground conditions.

In growing corn the conditions are unlike those farther east. The Missouri farmer plows his corn to make "red wheels" in the soil. Here the more successful corn planter works his depression where the corn row is and does not throw much dirt against the stalks. He uses a plow shoe that does not go deep into the ground, but makes a much looser dirt as possible. He plows to mulch and throw soil against the corn. The farmer of this section does not expect to have corn so tall as that growing in the eastern part of the state, but he is not disappointed. The ears grow lower down and the stalk itself is shorter.
Here in Sherman county this year the wheat crop will bring more money than the land on which it is grown. Most of it will bring the price of the land plus the cost of raising and marketing the wheat. The Turner Red or Russian wheat is the only kind grown except some grain known as Marcaroni wheat. The Marcaroni wheat sells for less than the Turkey red, but it gives a greater yield. The differences approximately balance each other. Millers and grain buyers curse this wheat and usually do what they can to discourage its growth.—W. A. E.

SCARCITY OF TEACHERS.

Western Kansas Needs Them, Ellis County Being Thirty Short.

At the office of the state superintendent of public instruction letters are being received stating that there are not enough school teachers to fill the vacant places in western Kansas. This is a complaint which comes annually and from which the officers are unable to offer any explanation.

The counties which report a shortage in the school teacher crop are all west of Barton and Russell counties. Ellis county reported a shortage of thirty teachers. The shortage will not be relieved until the fall, when the state superintendent must give the state a list of the teachers who will be available for the fall term. There are more teachers in some of the counties than there are schools and under this law they can easily get a school for their district without taking a new examination and they are not so willing to change counties.

Previously a school for their district and they are not so willing to change counties. It has been announced that examinations of teachers for industrial and manual training schools will be held in Manhattan, Emporia and Pittsburg August 4 and 5.—Topeka Capital.

DISGUSTED WITH HIMSELF.

Senator Thomas C. Platt of New York Talks of His 72 Years.

New York, July 17.—Senator Thomas C. Platt, in a talk about having just celebrated his 72nd birthday anniversary, remarked:
"I am 72 years old. That is a great many days and months and years. Some of them fruitful, some barren, but none of them worth the while. It could have been so much better—or at least so different from what it is. I had it to do over again would model my political life along other lines."
"Would you have the years come back for another chance?" he was asked.
"No," was the reply. "I would not, but I would do much differently."
"How differently?"
"I should rather not say," replied the senator. "It would lead to developments."
The equitable scandal was mentioned and Senator Platt exclaimed warmly:
"My friend, Mr. Dewey, is too great a man to run down in this connection. He will rise again. Stories that have connected his name with the affair will do him no harm. His friends know him. I am glad that Senator Dewey has taken me a little to the Equitable table again. It might have made some little difference to the senator from New York."

Largest Ship Ever in Frisco's Port.

From San Francisco Bulletin.

There is only one vessel on the coast of the world larger than the steamer Dakota, which now lies moored at Broadway wharf discharging cargo. That larger vessel is the Baltic, which is now making regular trips across the Atlantic, flying the flag of the White Star Steamship company. The Dakota, though a sister ship of the Minnesota, which came into this harbor a few months ago on her way to Seattle to take up regular runs, is considerably larger in tonnage. The big vessel got off the harbor, making a voyage from New York to this port, around Cape Horn in fifty-three days.

The Dakota measures 630 feet from stem to stern, has a breadth of 73 feet 6 inches and is 54 feet from her keel to her upper deck. Loaded she has a draught of 26 feet, and so loaded she has a displacement of 35,330 tons, though when she came into the harbor she had a draught of twenty-seven feet six inches, so light was the load shown in her hold.
The vessel is built according to American and British laws for foreign-going passenger and cargo vessels. She is practically non-sinkable, made so by her double bottom, which is six feet deep and divided into thirty water-tight compartments. She is also built with a keel of the entire length of the ship, and above the upper one of these are four others in a superstructure amidships which is designed for passenger accommodations. The bridge is eighty-nine feet above the keel. She is driven by twin triple-expansion engines that give her a speed of fourteen knots.

"Messenger" Notes.

The following items are taken from Mrs. Murphy's July letter in "Our Messenger," the Sixth district W. C. T. U. organ:
"I had the pleasure of spending two days at Brewster where the Thomas county institute was held. Mrs. Wallace was conducting, but they sent me word they wanted me, too. We very much regretted the loss of both previous and present treasurers of Bedford union, but they have a fine working force both there and at Colby. One of the finest papers I have listened to for some time was read by Mrs. C. G. Morrison of Colby. She was on 'A Backward Forward' Look at the W. C. T. U.' She has promised to give it to us at district convention this fall.
"Goodland union has secured one of the state traveling libraries. It is a fine collection of books—biography, works on sociology, and some excellent fiction. Burr Oak also has one for summer reading. Any union can secure one by sending two dollars to Miss Nellie of G. Armstrong, Topeka, Kansas. You are at liberty to keep it six months. Be sure to specify the kind of reading you wish. You will find it very helpful if you secure books dealing with reform work and workers."

FATE'S DIFFERENCE.

Some folks live a seldom fine; Some folks live a never day; Some folks own the trolley line; And some folks get run over.
—Washington Star.

CONDUCTOR J. S. FULLER DEAD

END CAME AT HIS COLORADO SPRINGS HOME MONDAY.

Passenger Conductor for Fifteen Years on This Division—Veteran of the Civil War.

James S. Fuller, passenger conductor on the Rock Island's Nos. 41 and 42 between Colorado Springs and Phillipsburg, died at his home in Colorado Springs, Monday morning about 1:30 o'clock, of acute gastritis. His death was too sudden for his friends to believe at first. He made the run last Friday from Colorado Springs to Phillipsburg, but not feeling well he was relieved, and he "dead-headed" back to the Springs Saturday. After arriving home about 11 o'clock Saturday night, he grew rapidly worse, and passed away early Monday morning.

He was 49 years of age, was a veteran of the civil war, and after his army service he went to railroading, which he followed constantly up to the time of his death. He came here with the road in 1888, and was a freight conductor for some time, but for nearly fifteen years he has been a passenger conductor. He leaves a wife, but no children.

"Jim" Fuller was a genial and companionable man, a faithful servant of the Rock Island railroad, in which service he was a trusted employee for many years. All the old-timers remember him with pleasure, and regret his death. He was a charter member of Prairie View Division No. 276, Order of Railway Conductors of this city. The members of the lodge sent a delegation to attend the funeral, which was held at Colorado Springs Wednesday.

All the railroad men were fast friends of "Jim" Fuller. He was bluff but warm-hearted, punctilious as to performance of duty, but considerate of others associated with him in the train service. It was touching to witness the genuine sorrow of the old employees who attended the funeral. Bronzed faces were wet with tears, and deep emotion, impossible to suppress, was evident among all attending his funeral. Although he was no saint, as saintliness commonly goes, but a few years since he united with the church. The funeral was private, held from the home in Colorado Springs.

TORIES WELL TOLD.

An unopened letter in a John street chophouse has aroused the interest of the customers. A few days ago a waiter carried up to the cashier a letter. He took out a letter bearing a special delivery stamp.

"This letter is addressed to me," he said, "and has money in it. But I don't want to open it. You lend me a little on it and I'll leave it with you as collateral."

Autographing as the proposition was, the cashier was so impressed by the money of the man's appearance that he did not refuse.

"I tell you that the envelope has money in it," the man repeated; more than I want from you. Let me have \$10 and take that envelope."

The cashier thought the man had been hypnotized. At all events he gave the man the money.
"I'll be in tomorrow and pay it," the man said as he handed over the envelope.
In his drawer the cashier keeps the envelope. The man has not returned. The cashier cannot open the letter, addressed as it is to another, without involving himself open to probable arrest. So he can only keep the collateral as a souvenir.—New York Sun.

"Yes," said the insurance agent, to the preacher, who was waiting to take the train. Talking about kind hearted men, there's some of them beats Lawyer Jenkins."
"You're right he is. I can tell you a little story which will show you the heart he has in him."
"Should like to hear it," said the preacher, looking at his watch.

"Well," said the agent, "you see it is this way. Bill Noggs was a poor man, and the railway cut off his legs."

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

"Pa!"

"Well son, what is it?"

"This mythology book speaks of the husband of Venus being a lame god."

"Why—er—Olympus, of course. Use your head a little and don't ask so many questions."—Cleveland Leader.

Josh—I tell you Rooshan an' Japan 'll have big war taxes to pay when all this is over.

Silas—Yew betcher! I'll give 'em a really chance to purtier their home industries.—Puck.

Said Folly: "Friend, the precedence is yours, and rightly, too."

But Wisdom smiled and bowed: "No no."

I must come after you."—Lift.

A successful physician's the noblest of all professions.

That dwelt in the world here below. A paragon he. What else can he be? For practice makes perfect, we know.

—Washington Post.

A friend of the home—

A foe of the Trust

Calumet Baking Powder

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"THE OLD MAID'S RETURN."

Comedy to Be Given by Local Talent at Opera House August 1.

Goodland theatrical talent will poke fun the old maid at the opera house on the night of August 1. The married women and the young sprouts are always up to such tricks, little realizing that they themselves may some day be widows, grass or otherwise, or spinsters, too.

Well, they are going to do it anyway, come what may; and will present for the benefit of the people, the comedy entitled, "The Spinster's Return," which is in sequel to "The Spinster's Convention."

There is great probability of a great attendance, both on the stage and in the front of it; for, the thirty-two characters, which are to shine in the time-light will be chosen from over the little neighborhoods and social eddies of the town, and each actor will of course draw ma and pa and the next door neighbor. The audience will then be requested to grin and laugh at Sal and Mary Ann.

The comedy will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid society, and the receipts turned into their treasury, presumably to assist old maids in apprehending and running down free men.

MARRIED IN SALINA.

Charles F. Brown of Goodland and Miss Gross of Wilson, the Couple.

From Salina Journal.
Tuesday evening Rev. F. C. McKean, at the Manse on South Tenth street united in marriage Mr. Charles F. Brown of Goodland and Miss Lottie Gross of Wilson. The wedding was to have taken place at 5:30 o'clock, but was postponed owing to the late arrival of the bride's brother, the operator at Tescott, who came to Salina on the Lincoln branch freight, which was four hours late.

The ceremony was performed in the presence of the immediate friends of the bride. The bride wore a beautiful champagne pongee silk trimmed with lace and medallions. The groom was dressed in a conventional suit. Mrs. Brown is one of Wilson's popular young ladies and has a host of friends who will rejoice with her on this happy occasion. Mr. Brown's former home was near Sharon Springs, but he is now employed by the Rock Island in the round house at Goodland. After a few days' visiting with relatives at Tescott and Wilson the young couple will take up housekeeping at Goodland.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

Standard Patterns at Millick's. Buster Brown Hose at Millick's. Stove exhibit at Bock's July 24 to 29.

See Millick's large ad. every week. New Handbags, Trunks and Suit Cases at Millick's.

New styles in Wilson Bros. Dress Shirts at Millick's.

Don't forget the special stove exhibit at Bock's July 24 to 29.

Bring your "Hoopes", and get the highest market price.

Wanted—A carpenter to put up small kitchen. S. E. Bruffett, City.

Headquarters for ice at the Star Meat Market. Jewell & Hogeboom.

A lot of second-hand doors and windows for sale cheap. H. H. Auer & Son.

All kinds of nursery stock grown by a Kansas firm sold by William N. Davis.

"The New Deal" is still running on eastern prices. Call and see. A. M. Darling.

The C. & B. Men's Suits are the stylish, well-tailored, perfect-fitting kind at Millick's.

Headling chickens, will pay highest market price, at Queen City market. C. E. Swartz.

A full line of fresh and cured meat, fish and poultry at the Star Meat Market. Jewell & Hogeboom.

Money loan on all kinds of good security. Call at the store and make your wants known at the store office. C. E. Millick.

A \$7.50 set of cooking utensils of enameled and nickel-plated copper ware, free with every Monarch Malleable Range, at John Bock's.

A semi-porcelain dinner set, decorated in green and gold, free to every purchaser of a Monarch Malleable Range. No advance in price of stove on account of this offer.—John Bock.

Printing Press For Sale.

One S. & L. Gordon job printing press; chase, 13x18; in first-class condition, and will be sold at a bargain price. Has power fixture attached, and the press is suitable for running off a page of a small newspaper. Write to The Republic, Goodland, Kan.

The News is only \$1 a year. Try it.

GOODLAND WINS FROM NORTON.

Locals Put Up Fine Game, Shutting Visitors Out and Scoring 7.

Goodland felt like jumping up in the air and cracking her heels to gether Sunday. She won one from the Norton team which, with the help of the umpire, walloped her at Norton on the Fourth. The visitors had the umpire here also, but he gave a square deal all around, and the game was a pretty one throughout.

Honska pitched for Norton, but he seemed to be a little off his usual performance, his curves being wild and unguessed. The home team touched him up pretty well at times and before the game was ended had laid up seven runs to their credit. Norton's field made a few errors that cost them, but their great weakness was in the almost utter lack of team work. They didn't assist each other, and no matter how hard a man might be pressed in a play the rest generally failed to see how well he would fight it out.

On the other hand Goodland was not in the air at any time, and the boys put up a field that was hard to run away from. They worked base running on their opponents quite satisfactorily, except that they were reckless at times.

Billy Williams looked like a pigmy beside Honska, but he did not pitch the weaker ball. His change of pace from slow to fast curve, and vice versa, fooled 'em, and when they did find the ball it rarely went safe. Goodland was easily the visitors' masters in the Sunday game.

The score:
NORTON. AB R H PO A E
Graves, 1b. 4 0 1 8 0 0
Hatcher, 2b. 4 0 1 3 1 1
Crisp, 3b. 3 0 1 5 2 3
S. Ward, c. 2 0 0 9 4 0
Johnson, lf. 3 0 0 0 0 0
Mathews, 3b. 3 0 0 12 1 1
J. Ward, cf. 3 0 0 0 0 0
Honska, p. 6 0 0 0 0 0
Total. 29 0 3 24 14 3

GOODLAND. AB R H PO A E
Irons, 2b. 5 2 0 3 4 1
Stewart, 2b. 4 2 2 1 1 1
Leonhart, rf. 4 2 3 0 0 0
Germann, lf. 3 1 1 0 0 0
Honska, 3b. 3 0 0 1 2 1
Williams, p. 4 0 1 0 6 0
Friday, cf. 4 0 2 3 0 0
McClure, 1b. 3 0 2 11 0 0
Ingram, c. 3 0 1 6 1 0
Total. 34 7 12 26 14 3

*Hatcher out on infield hit.

Score by innings:

Norton. 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0
Goodland. 3 2 0 0 0 0 0 7—7

The summary: Left on bases, Norton 4, Goodland 2; stolen bases, Hatcher, Crisp 2, Stewart, Germann 2, Friday; struck out, by Honska 9, by Williams 5; bases on balls, off Honska 2, off Williams 1; hit by pitcher, McClure, Alexander; double plays, Chase to Irons to McClure, Mathews to Hatcher.

GOODLAND KIDS GAVE THEM 1.

Played a Game With Norton Boys Here Wednesday.

In a game of base ball on the Goodland grounds Wednesday afternoon, the Goodland junior nine outplayed the Norton seconds by a score of 3 to 1. Every one that attended the game declared that it was fine work for junior players. The score indicates that Shea pitched for Goodland and did so well that when one of the home players was asked what they did to Shea, the answer was, "They couldn't find it at all."

The Norton boys had nothing to be ashamed of they played a clean game, and demeaned themselves better than older players generally do.

The score:
Goodland. 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 3—3
Norton. 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—1

The names of the players were: Goodland, Mallory, Kreuzer, Shea, Williams, Coleman, Shaw, Luther, Dawson, Floyd, Nelson, Miller, McCutcheon, Millikin, Hill, King, Johnson, Lorenze, Alley.

An Attractive Circular.
This office has just turned out for William Seyler, manager of the Homeseekers Land Agency, a large circular advertising Kansas and Sherman county land. The size of the circular is 17x4x4 inches, and is printed on both sides. The advertising matter consists of a general description of Sherman county, its products, letters from farmers, half-tone illustrations of farms, orchards, fields of growing grain, buildings, etc. Kansas, as a leading agricultural state, herein finds much eulogy and citation of fact. Mr. Seyler has done himself credit and the best grass country generally, in his liberal method of advertising. The order called for 10,000 circulars.

Offering of the First Fruits.
The ancient Hebrews had the offering of the first fruits and feast of ingathering. Jasper Pile brought to this office Thursday a sample of Turkey red wheat. It is very plump, and a beautiful specimen of wheat, and experts say that it will easily grade No. 2.

Prizes for Grain Samples.
I will give the following cash prizes for the best samples of Sherman county small grain delivered at my office between now and the close of harvest this year:
\$2.50 for winter wheat.
\$2.00 for winter rye.
\$2.00 for spring wheat.
\$2.00 for Macaroni wheat.
\$2.00 for barley.
\$1.00 for spring rye.
\$1.00 for oats.
\$1.00 for alfalfa.
\$1.00 for millet.
\$1.00 for broom.
\$1.00 for native grass.

These samples must be in bundles of four to six inches in diameter. Three competent judges will be chosen to pass on these samples and distribute the prizes.

G. L. CALVERT.

PASSENGER COACHES OFF TRACK

THREE PERSONS INJURED IN WRECK NEAR STUTTGART.

Pullman and Chair Car of Fast Train Derailed—Two Passengers for Goodland Aboard Train.

No. 41 Tuesday met with an accident one and a half miles east of Stuttgart, the first station west of Phillipsburg, at about 1 o'clock p. m. The train was in charge of Conductor Tipina and Engineer Wiley. By some unaccountable mishap the two rear cars, a chair car and a Pullman jumped the track and were derailed. Three persons, a young man, a lady and a gentleman from Concordia, were injured, but not seriously. The young man was cut about the head and the lady was bruised below the chest by colliding with one of the seats. Being through passengers they were taken on to Colorado Springs. A. B. Pennock of Concordia, en route to Goodland, stopped off here. He suffered some bruises and was treated by Dr. F. H. Smith.

In the mix-up the trucks of the two cars were hurled to one side of the right of way and the cars to the other side. As the train was moving rapidly on a stretch of down grade the wonder is that no one was seriously injured.

The accident is supposed to be the result of a brake rod giving away, and falling among the trucks.

PHILIP BREHM DEAD.

End Came to Him in Chillicothe, O.—Was Well Known in Goodland.

Philip Brehm, commonly known in Goodland as "Jack, the Tailor," died at the home of his sister, Mrs. George J. Hornstein, in Chillicothe, O., last Thursday morning at twenty minutes after 5 o'clock, and was buried Saturday afternoon in that city. Jack's death was caused by cancer of the throat.

The sad information came in a letter from Mrs. Hornstein to Mack Robinson, and was received Thursday. Jack was a close friend of Mack Robinson, and had his sister write back to his old friend some time ago.

Mrs. Hornstein says that her brother "died certainly suffer before he died."

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